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SUBJ: STATUS OF SAUDI ARABIAN OIL CARGO PREFERENCE

REF : A. STATE 104969; B. DHAHRAN 0115

1. AS PER REF. B WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY REGULATION
SPECIFICALLY GRANTING PREFERENCES TO SAUDI FLAG CARRIERS.
WE ARE AWARE OF AN INFORMAL PETROMIN (GOVERNMENT CORPORATION)
ORDER WHICH WAS TO HAVE GRANTED SUCH PREFERENCE, BUT SO FAR
AS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DISCOVER, THIS HAS NOT BEEN PRO-
Mulgated BY THE SUPREME OIL COUNCIL, AND IN ANY CASE WAS
APPLICABLE ONLY TO INTER-COASTAL TRADE.

2. PREFERENCES DO EXIST, HOWEVER, FOR BUNKERING. SAUDI FLAG
VESSELS ENGAGED IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE PAY SR 296.75 PER
METRIC TON FOR DIESEL AND SR 209.34 PER METRIC TON FOR FUEL
OIL AT RAS TANURA (SR 3.48 EQUALS \$1.). PRICE OF BUNKERING
SAUDI FLAG COASTERS/FISHING BOATS IS SR 117.30 PER METRIC
TON FOR DIESEL AND SR 82.70 FOR FUEL OIL AT RAS TANURA.

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PRICE OF BUNKERING NON-SAUDI FLAG VESSELS IS CURRENTLY

SR 423.45 PER METRIC TON FOR DIESEL AND SR 278.11 PER
METRIC TON FOR FUEL OIL (THE PRICE OF SPOT BUNKER SALES
AT JIDDA). THAT IS A SIZABLE BENEFIT.

3. AT PRESENT WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING
SAUDI FLAG TANKERS:

A. TWO SHIPS, REDEC CORPORATION: 40,000 AND 70,000 DEADWEIGHT
TONS. HAVE TAKEN BUNKERS AT RAS TANURA, BUT NEVER CARGO;

B. SAUDI GLORY: OWNED BY ALI REZA-MOBIL, BUT DOES NOT FLY
THE SAUDI FLAG. IT HAS TAKEN BUNKERS AND CARGO OF ARABIAN
LIGHT AT RAS TANURA;

C. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM REPORTS THAT PETROSHIP,
A DIVISION OF PETROMIN, OWNS TWO TANKERS. WE SUSPECT THAT
THE REDEC TANKERS ARE IN FACT THE SHIPS IN QUESTION.

4. SO FAR AS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE FROM ARAMCO
AND PETROMIN, THE THREE SHIPS LISTED HAVE NEVER RECEIVED
PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT ON CARGO.

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